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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR

GRANVILLE B. THOMPSON

SELECTMEN

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FRANK I. CALDWELL

TOWN CLERK

FRED P. COMINGS

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FRED C. YORK

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

O. R. McCOY

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT

FRED P. COMINGS

AUDITORS

ARTHUR J. THOMPSON BENTON E. LAYNE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee, N. H., in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Lee on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.
3. To bring in your ballots upon the question as to whether the amendment proposed by the convention to revise the constitution shall be approved.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to repair Dames bridge.
5. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of ten years, any new construction made by the Plummer-Norton Co. or its successors.
6. To see if the town will vote to buy bonds required by law for Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Clerk.
7. By petition of C. L. Fernald and six others, to see if the town will vote to return to the old system of highway surveyors.
8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $400 for the eradication of pine blister rust.
9. To see if the town will vote, raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to secure State aid for highway.

Given under our hands and seal, 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

FRANK I. CALDWELL,
F. C. YORK,
BENJ. LANG,
Selectmen of Lee.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FRANK I. CALDWELL,
F. C. YORK,
BENJ. LANG,
Selectmen of Lee.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LEE.

Estimates of revenue and expenditures for the ensuing year, January 31, 1923 to January 31, 1924, compared with actual revenue and expenditures of the previous year, February 1, 1922 to January 31, 1923.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue 1922	Estimated Revenue, 1923
Railroad tax	$648.87	$648.87
Savings bank tax	791.65	791.65
For fighting forest fires	10.45	
For Highways		
For State aid maintenance	316.43	450.00
From local sources except taxes		
All licenses and permits except dog licenses	431.43	431.43
Rent of town hall and other buildings	47.00	30.00
From poll taxes, 254 @ $3.00	762.00	762.00
From State for State aid highway construction	430.80	
Amount raised by property taxes	12,482.36	
Total revenues	$15,490.19	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES.

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town officers' salaries	$334.00	$334.00
Town officers' expenses	169.44	150.00
Election and registration expenses	21.75	20.00
Municipal court expenses, Chapman case	436.00	
Care and supplies for Town Hall	18.72	20.00
Protection of persons and property:		
Fire department	20.90	
Moth extermination	400.00	400.00

Health:		
Health department	13.00	13.00
Vital statistics	12.25	12.00
Highway and bridges:		
State aid maintenance		
State's contribution	387.84	450.00
Town's contribution	387.83	450.00
Town maintenance	1,499.70	1,500.00
Bridges	220.33	
Snow bills	1,130.17	
General expense of highway department	53.24	50.00
Libraries	56.80	
Charities:		
Town poor	11.00	10.00
Damage by dogs	28.00	
Interest:		
On temporary loans	108.00	
Abatements refunded	55.00	
Indebtedness:		
Payment on principal of debt		
Temporary loan	2,300.00	1,000.00
Payments to other Governmental Divisions:		
State taxes	1,590.00	1,590.00
County taxes	1,249.77	1,249.77
Payments to school districts	4,929.00	5,000.00
Total expenditures	$15,432.74	

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Inventory of the Town of Lee for the year 1922.

	No.	Valuation
Polls	265	
Land and Buildings		$375,430.00
Horses	160	16,245.00
Oxen	10	1,000.00
Cows	385	22,225.00
Neat Stock	64	2,250.00
Sheep	156	780.00
Hogs	4	80.00
Fowls	1,000	1,000.00
Portable Mills	7	2,850.00
Wood and Lumber		29,330.00
Stock in National Banks		350.00
Money on hand at interest		6,250.00
Aqueducts		1,100.00
Mills & Machinery		1,250.00
		$466,755.00
Soldiers' Exemptions		4,410.00

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

For the Year Ending January 31, 1923.

Total Valuation		$466,755.00
Tax on one hundred dollars, $2.65		
Tax on valuation	$12,369.01	
Polls, 255 @ $5.00—10 @ $3.00	1,305.00	
		$ 13,674.01
Less school tax paid in Newmarket and Durham		159.89
Amount Collector's List		$ 13,514.12

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS

Highways	$1,166.03	
State Tax	1,590.00	
County Tax	1,249.77	
School Tax	4,929.00	
Running Expenses	2,500.00	
State Road Construction	718.50	
State Road Maintenance	450.00	
Pine Blister Rust	400.00	
Library	31.80	
Overlay	128.91	
Poll Tax Assessment for Bonus	510.00	
		$13,674.01

TOWN OFFICERS

Arthur J. Thompson, auditor 1922	$ 2.00	
F. P. Comings, issuing auto permits	16.00	
A. J. Thompson, Supervisor 1919-'20-'20-'22	46.00	
F. I. Caldwell, Selectman	50.00	
Benj. Lang, Selectman	50.00	
F. C. York, Selectman	50.00	
Mark L. Mills, Treasurer	20.00	
J. W. Harvey, Collector	50.00	
F. P. Comings, Town Clerk	20.00	
F. P. Comings, Janitor Town Hall	20.00	
		$334.00

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

Association N. H. Assesors dues	$ 2.00	
F. I. Caldwell, attending tax commissioners	3.00	
F. I. Caldwell, telephone and stamps	1.50	
J. W. Harvey, tax bills, postage and stationery	17.70	
F. P. Comings, postage and stationery ..	7.50	
Bela Kingman, collector's bond	9.00	
E. C. Eastman, supplies	10.74	
The Marshall Press, printing reports ..	90.00	
The Marshall Press, printing placards and paper	12.50	
J. B. Page, printing check lists	10.00	
Jeremiah Smith Grange, election dinners	5.50	
		$169.54

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

F. I. Caldwell, Ballot Inspector '21	$ 3.00
G. B. Thompson, Ballot Inspector, primary '22	6.00

Frank Dinsmore, Ballot Inspector, primary	3.00	
Robert Thompson, Ballot Inspector	3.00	
Geo. D. Stimpson, Gate Keeper, primary .	3.00	
W. D. Smith, Gate Keeper, primary	3.00	
J. B. Walker, Lunches at primary	.75	
		$21.75

TOWN HALL

G. B. Thompson, building tramp bunks .	$ 2.50	
F. C. York, 1½ cords wood	12.00	
J. B. Walker, lumber and nails	4.22	
		$18.72

FIRES

J. B. Layne, fires near Chesley's		$20.90

PINE BLISTER

J. H. Toster, State Forester		$400.00

DAMAGE BY DOGS

A. J. Thompson, two sheep	$ 8.00	
John G. Hobbs, four sheep	20.00	
		$28.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

J. B. Walker, formaldyhide	$ 3.00	
F. P. Comings, health officer	10.00	
		$13.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Fred Fernald, M. D., death certificates ..	$ 1.75	
A. E. Grant, M. D., returning births and deaths	1.50	
F. P. Comings, returning birth and deaths	9.00	
		$12.25

STATE AID MAINTAINANCE.

May 6,	Wm. B. Caswell	$34.00
May 6,	E. M. Garrity	43.33
June 3,	E. M. Garrity	12.00
June 3,	W. B. Caswell	61.00
July 1,	W. B. Caswell	52.50
July 1,	E. M. Garrity	52.64
Aug. 5,	E. M. Garrity	39.00
Aug. 5,	W. B. Caswell	34.50
Sept. 2,	W. B. Caswell	52.50
Sept. 2,	E. M. Garrity	26.00
Oct. 7,	E. M. Garrity	53.75
Oct. 7,	W. B. Caswell	76.68
Nov. 4,	W. B. Caswell	78.26
Nov. 4,	E. M. Garrity	45.80
Dec. 2,	E. M. Garrity	25.30
Dec. 2,	W. B. Caswell	16.00
		$703.26

Money Available:

	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1921	$310.43	$310.43	$620.86
Appropriation, 1922	450.00	450.00	900.00
Total fund	760.43	760.43	1,520.86
Expended	387.84	387.83	775.67
Balance for 1923	372.59	372.60	745.19

TOWN MAINTENANCE

May	6,	Wm. B. Caswell	$27.00
May	6,	E. M. Garrity	19.25
June	3,	E. M. Garrity	4.00
June	3,	W. B. Caswell	34.00
July	1,	W. B. Caswell	25.00
July	1,	E. M. Garrity	14.00
Aug.	5,	E. M. Garrity	2.00
Aug.	5,	W. B. Caswell	12.00
Sept.	2,	W. B. Caswell	22.00
Sept.	2,	E. M. Garrity	21.50
Oct.	7,	E. M. Garrity	13.00
Oct.	7,	W. B. Caswell	29.00
Nov.	4,	W. B. Caswell	2.00
Nov.	4,	E. M. Garrity	6.50
Dec.	2,	E. M. Garrity	81.00
			$312.25

BRIDGES

F. I. Caldwell, work on Sherburne bridge	$ 18.68	
C. E. N. Stackpole, work on Sherburne bridge	7.50	
Fred Burt, steel beams	129.00	
L. P. Ladd, 504 feet bridge plank	19.25	
D. Veskind, 624 feet bridge plank and stringer	32.00	
F. I. Caldwell, hauling bridge material and cutting stringers with acetylene gas	14.00	
		$220.33

GENERAL EXPENSES

F. I. Caldwell, spikes	$ .70	
Good Roads Machinery Co., repairs	17.70	
W. A. Plumer, two lanterns and nails	2.06	
C. E. N. Stackpole, work on guide boards	4.00	
J. H. Seavey, dynamite	24.99	
C. E. Tibbetts, labor	3.79	
		$53.24

LIBRARY

Library Trustees	$31.80	
F. P. Comings, librarian	25.00	
		$56.80

TRAMPS

F. I. Caldwell, lodging 5 tramps	$4.00	
F. P. Comings, lodging 7 tramps	7.00	
		$11.00

HIGHWAY AGENTS

Charles A. Piper	$389.06	
John H. Currier	375.35	
Warren D. Sawyer	423.04	
		$ 1,187.45

SNOW BILLS

May 4,	C. A. Piper, 1921-'22	$ 28.20	
May 4,	J. H. Currier, 1921-'22	69.26	
May 4,	L. S. Fernald, 1921-'22	12.41	
Jan. 31,	J. H. Currier	524.14	
Jan. 31,	C. A. Piper	196.72	
Jan. 31,	W. D. Sawyer	299.44	
			$ 1,130.17

ABATEMENTS

Margaret Childs, over seventy	$5.00	
George P. Kimball, paid in Malden	5.00	
George E. Fox, paid in Boston	5.00	
Hazel Fox, paid in Boston	5.00	
Lizzie Cate, too poor	5.00	
Katie Hanlon, too poor	5.00	
Jennie Huston, not resident	5.00	
James A. Norton, left town	5.00	
Arthur Davis, left town	5.00	
Bessie Davis, left town	5.00	
Helen O'Connor, left town	5.00	
		$55.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Newmarket National Bank, Notes	$ 2,300.00	
Newmarket National Bank, Interest	108.00	
		$ 2,408.00
State Tax		$ 1,590.00
Frank N. French, county tax		$ 1,249.77
M. L. Mills, Treasurer School District		$ 4,929.00

CHAPMAN CASE

Wm. Roberts, Clerk of Court	$430.00	
F. I. Caldwell, time in Dover	6.00	
		$436.00

SUMMARY

Town officers' salaries	$334.00
Town officers' expenses	169.44
Elections	21.75
Town Hall	18.72
Fires	20.90
Pine blister rust	400.00
Damage by dogs	28.00
Health	13.00
Vital Statistics	12.25
State aid maintenance	703.26
Town maintenance	312.25
Bridges	220.33
Highway agents	1,187.45
Highway agents snow bills	1,130.17
General expenses	53.24
Library	56.80
Tramps	11.00
Chapman case	436.00
Temporary loans	2,408.00
State tax	1,590.00
County tax	1,249.77
Schools	4,929.00
Abatements	55.00
	$15,360.33

BENJ. LANG,
F. C. YORK,
F. I. CALDWELL,
Selectmen of Lee.
B. E. LAYNE,
Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Received for 37 male dogs	$74.00	
Received for 4 female dogs	20.00	
		$94.00
Fees on 41 dogs @ 20c	$ 8.20	
Paid Treasurer	85.80	
		$94.00
Received for 64 auto permits	$431.43	
Paid Treasurer	431.43	

FRED P. COMINGS

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year Ending January 31, 1923.

RECEIPTS

Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1922	$108.89	
Received from State Highway Dept.	316.43	
Received from F. P. Comings, dog licenses	85.80	
Received from F. P. Comings, auto permits	431.43	
Received from F. P. Comings, rent of Town Hall	47.00	
Received from W. D. Sawyer, 1921 taxes	357.24	
Received from W. D. Sawyer, interest on 1921 taxes	1.12	
Received from town of Madbury for posters	4.50	
Received from State Forestry Dept	10.45	
Received from J. W. Harvey, taxes	13,472.75	
Received from J. W. Harvey, interest ...	1.25	
Received from railroad tax	648.87	
Received from Savings Bank tax	791.65	
		$16,277.38

MARK L. MILLS,
Treasurer.

B. E. LAYNE,
Auditor.

EXPENDITURES

Paid orders drawn by Selectmen	$15,395.33	
Cash on hand	882.05	
		$16,277.38

MARK L. MILLS,
Treasurer.

B. E. LAYNE,
Auditor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets

Due from J. W. Harvey	$ 41.37	
Cash on hand	882.05	
		$923.42

Liabilities

Due State for poll tax bonds	$ 488.00	
Due on State road maintenance	372.60	
Due on State road construction	1,048.62	
		$ 1,909.22
Town debt		$ 985.80

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

1922 Tax List, in full	$13,514.12	
Interest on 1922 taxes	1.25	
		$13,515.37

EXPENDITURES

Paid Treasurer	$13,472.75	
Paid Treasurer	1.25	
Balance, uncollected	41.37	
		$13,515.37

J. W. HARVEY,
Collector.

B. E. LAYNE,
Auditor.

STATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Money Available:

	STATE	TOWN	TOTAL
Balance from 1921	$132.06	$ 330.12	$ 462.18
Appropriations, 1922	430.80	718.50	1,149.30
Total fund	562.86	1,048.62	1,611.48
Expended			
Balance for 1923	$562.86	$1,048.62	$1,611.48

PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town appropriation	$400.00	
State aid, as per agreement	100.00	
Total funds		$500.00
Crew wages	$490.59	
Crew expenses	12.41	
Total expenditures		$503.00
Area covered		2,624
Average cost per acre		$ 0.191
Currant and Gooseberries destroyed		30,614

The total area covered in Lee during 1922 by town, state and private funds amounted to 2,864 acres. There were destroyed over this area a total of 33,860 wild currant and gooseberry bushes.

PLANS FOR 1923

Infected white pine was found in great abundance throughout the area worked in 1922. The rust is also known to be present in many other sections of the town. In view of these facts the Department feels that it is highly impossible for work to be conducted so that remaining pine areas may receive protection similar to that afforded those already covered. Control work conducted throughout the State in the past has been carried on by 109 towns in co-operation with the State. Some 16 or 17 towns have now been completely covered. During the past season nearly 150 pine owners throughout New Hampshire carried on control work at their own expense, the State co-operating to the extent of furnishing free of charge a crew foreman. These activities are pretty conclusive evidence of the strong feeling which exists regarding the seriousness of blister rust.

L. E. NEWMAN,
Agent, in Charge,
Blister Rust Control.

HIGHWAY AGENTS' ACCOUNTS

John H. Currier in account with the Town of Lee, for labor on highway.

Received of Town		$375.35
Paid John H. Currier, labor	$ 157.83	
John H. Currier, gravel	11.30	
Fred C. York, labor	63.00	
Walter Smith, labor	36.96	
Thomas Stevens, labor	18.90	
Norman Demeritt, labor	18.00	
Darius Mariotti, labor	17.50	
Walter Wellington, labor	13.75	
John C. Bartlett, labor	12.00	
William W. Currier, labor	9.83	
John A. Currier, labor	4.83	
Elliott Wellington, labor	3.75	
Harry Bergeron, gravel	2.90	
Wilbur Burleigh, labor	2.50	
Bell Tuttle, gravel	1.10	
James B. Walker, gravel	1.00	
Edward Farell, gravel	.20	
Whole Amount		$375.35

John H. Currier in account with the Town of Lee, for breaking roads and shoveling snow.

Received of Town		$524.14
Paid John H. Currier	$101.02	
Darius Mariotti	37.39	
Wilbur Burleigh	35.30	
Walter Smith	32.50	
Walter Wellington	31.68	

Robert Thompson	29.18
Raymond Monroe	27.50
Everett Dalton	23.10
Norman Demeritt	22.50
Frank Oldham	22.12
George Bennett	20.77
Daniel Burleigh	17.93
George Gray	16.25
William W. Currier	14.25
John A. Currier	14.25
Grover Smith	12.50
Fred C. York	9.00
Daniel Shannon	8.96
Albert Dudley	4.48
George Corson	4.48
Sidney Davis	4.48
Charles Mariotti	4.33
Donald Thompson	4.18
George Dudley	3.92
Eugene Renaud	3.64
Charles Woodman	3.36
Ernest Menter	2.50
John Brigham	2.50
Donald Davis	1.96
Freeman Evens	1.68
Flagg Mitchell	1.68
Charles Cheney	1.68
Joseph Brigham	1.26
Herman Keniston	1.25
Mark Mills	.56
	$524.14

Chas. A. Piper in acount with Town for work on highways.

Received		$389.06
Paid Charles A. Piper	$114.00	
Benj. Lang	53.30	
Walter W. Plumer	45.00	
Frank Ryan	41.42	
Austin Caswell	15.00	
John Clark	5.00	
Clifton Clark	10.00	
J. T. Bartlett	22.00	
W. A. Carpenter	20.50	
J. J. Demeritt	7.50	
John French	6.67	
Herbert Hill	.42	
John H. Piper	9.00	
Dan S. Shannon	18.25	
Clyde Twombly	5.00	
Joshua Cook	5.00	
W. B. Caswell	11.00	
		$389.06

Chas. A. Piper in account with Town, breaking roads.

Received of Town		$224.92
Paid Charles A. Piper	$49.25	
Benj. Lang	28.00	
W. W. Plumer	22.50	
Frank Ryan	12.50	
Will Carpenter	30.50	
Dan Shannon	5.32	
Joshua Cook	1.00	
W. B. Caswell	9.40	
Ed. Bloom	22.75	
Charles Woodman	4.70	

Wm. Thompson	1.35	
Romanzo Davis	5.85	
Bert Pease	1.65	
John Walker	21.00	
Forest Gerrish	7.50	
John Piper	1.75	
		$224.92

W. D. Sawyer in account with Town of Lee, for labor on highways.

Received		$422.04
Paid Wm. Young	$ 3.00	
F. I. Caldwell	12.00	
H. G. Hill	6.00	
Lyford Wiggin	3.00	
David Bartlett	9.00	
Geo. Stimpson	6.00	
Walter Jones	2.50	
Dexter Layne	88.50	
Lester Sawyer	10.00	
Sumner Layne	13.00	
Eugene Sawyer	20.00	
Ellsworth Garrity	6.00	
Lloyd Fogg	30.00	
Chas Stackpole	3.00	
Frank Randall	3.00	
W. D. Sawyer and team	207.04	
		$422.04

W. D. Sawyer in account with Town of Lee, for breaking roads.

Received of Town		$299.44
Paid Chas. Langmaid	$13.00	
Victor Couture	5.00	

Horace Clay	7.17
Frank Clay	10.33
Robert Wiggin	2.00
Lloyd Fogg	17.67
Carrol Wiggin	10.67
John Bishop	14.63
David Bartlett	9.66
Wm. Young	4.66
Ellsworth Garrity	21.00
Frank Dinsmore	2.00
Horace Hill	2.00
Dexter Layne	28.98
Frank Caldwell	29.32
Geo. Stimpson	9.66
W. D. Sawyer	40.66
B. E. Layne	13.33
Chas. Langley	5.00
Seth W. Sherburne	43.70
C. E. N. Stackpole	9.00
	$299.44

RENT OF TOWN HALL

Feb., let 2 times	$2.00	
March, let 4 times	4.00	
April, let 4 times	4.00	
May, let 5 times	5.00	
June, let 6 times	6.00	
June, let 1 time, non-resident	2.00	
Aug., let 5 times	5.00	
Sept., let 5 times	5.00	
Oct., let 4 times	4.00	
Oct., let 3 times, non-resident	6.00	
Nov., let 3 times	3.00	
Dec., let 1 time	1.00	
		$47.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Lee, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the Twentieth day of March, 1923, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools.
8. To see if the District will vote to raise the sum of three hundred dollars to shingle North Side school house and put a new floor in South Side school house.
9. To see if the District will vote to raise the sum of four hundred dollars to put new desks in South Side school house.

Given under our hands at said Lee.

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON,
FRED P. COMINGS,
HELEN B. MacRAE,
School Board.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON,
FRED P. COMINGS,
HELEN B. MacRAE,
School Board.

REPORT OF THE LEE SCHOOL BOARD

June 30, 1921 to July 1, 1922.

Salaries of District Officers	65.00	
Superintendent's Salary	67.57	
School Census	5.00	
Expenses of Administration	30.42	
Text Books	89.07	
Scholars' Supplies	97.37	
Flags and Appurtenances	4.65	
Other Expenses of Instruction	.92	
Janitor Service	80.25	
Fuel	86.00	
Janitor's Supplies	1.00	
Minor Repairs	36.47	
Medical Inspection	32.24	
High School Tuition	658.98	
Elementary School Tuition	98.00	
Other fixed charges	180.00	
Alteration of old building	135.10	
		$ 1,667.04

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Ruth Todd, South Lee	$750.00	
Elsie B. Norman, Center Lee	700.00	
Mrs. R. K. Munroe, North Lee	650.00	
M. B. Walker, Music Teacher	225.00	
		$ 3,992.04
Total Revenue		$ 4,010.72
Money Paid Out		3,992.04
Cash on hand, July 1, 1922		$18.68

UNPAID BILLS, JULY 1, 1922

Alex MacRae, 5 cords wood, fixing flag pole, $1.00	$43.00	
Frank I. Caldwell, postage, telephone for three years, and salary from April 1 to July 1, 1922	5.00	
Durham High School Tuition	165.00	
Durham Elementary Tuition	40.00	
Balance High School Tuition, Newmarket	13.75	
		$266.75
Cash on hand		18.68
Excess of Liabilities over Assets		$248.07

HELEN B. MacRAE,
FRED P. COMINGS,
W. H. THOMPSON,
Members of Lee School Board.

Copy—Auditors' Report.

We hereby certify, we have examined the accounts of the School Board of Lee, N. H., and find them correct.

JAMES B. WALKER,
G. B. THOMPSON,
Auditors of the Lee School District.

To the School Board of Lee:

The great problem of education in America today is the problem of providing better schools facilities in rural communities. In Lee we are right in the midst of it. Educators everywhere are giving thought and evolving plans so that the boys and girls of the country places can begin to have some of the advantages that come to city children. It is the right of our children to have these advantages. They will grow up to face

conditions of working and living far different from those that we had to face. There will be keen competition. Whether they live in the city or in the country, they will have to compete with people most of whom have had the advantage of a high school education. For the sake of our children the schools ought to be made better.

The first essential of good schools is to have good teachers. It is just as important to get a trained and experienced teacher to operate on the minds of your children as it is to get a skilled and experienced surgeon to operate on their eyes and their throats. Just as much good is accomplished by the teacher who knows how, and just as much damage is done by the unskilled operator. It was difficult this year to get teachers at all for country places and it is becoming more difficult to get good teachers and to keep them. Where are the young people in Lee that are qualified and willing to teach our schools? The condition in other rural towns is much the same. Capable teachers are in demand in the cities and villages and you do not blame them for preferring those places.

Our problem is to make teaching in our schools so attractive that we can get good teachers and keep them. One way to do this is to increase the salaries. If we lose the teachers we have, it will be hard to get others. Our teachers are worth more after this year of experience. They are worth more to other towns and should be worth still more to us as they know our children and understand our problems.

A town should do more for its teachers than to pay them well. Do not make them feel like strangers in a strange land who come by day and fly by night. Take them in as a part of the community. Take an interest in their work and well-being. Your obligation is to provide convenient boarding places where they will be not only well cared for but where they will be contented and happy. Friendliness quite often counts more than

money when a teacher decides where she will teach. If the town would consider a plan for a centralized school, it would be easier to get and keep good teachers. Such a school would greatly improve the teaching and would make possible the beginning of high school work at home.

Another essential of good schools is to have good school-houses. It should be made possible to have the school-houses comfortable without the teacher having to give her time and attention to that matter constantly. The building at South Lee is not up to the minimum standard of the state with regard to lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitary arrangements. For this year I recommend that a beginning be made on the needed improvements: including the installation of a modern heater with arrangements for ventilation and replacing the out-of-date double seats with adjustable school furniture suited to the size of the children.

The cordial friendliness with which I have been greeted by the people of Lee is highly appreciated. The friendly counsel of the board members and the loyalty of the teachers have made the year's labor a cause of great satisfaction. May I say in conclusion that I have not come into the town with the intention of running the schools? The school board is perfectly capable of doing that and was elected for the purpose. I am willing, however, to do my part and want to take my place as a citizen in the towns where I work to promote the welfare of the boys and girls of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. McCOY,

Superintendent of Schools.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1923

Salaries of District Officers	$ 70.00	
Superintendent's Salary	125.00	
Expense of Administration	50.00	
Music Teacher	225.00	
State Tax, $2.00 per pupil	204.00	
Janitor's Salaries	81.00	
Janitor's Supplies	25.00	
		$780.00
Teachers' Salaries	$ 2,500.00	
Text Books	105.00	
Scholars' Supplies	180.00	
Medical Inspection	50.00	
Flags and Appurtenances	15.00	
Fuel	200.00	
Proposed Repairs	300.00	
New Equipment	400.00	
High School Tuition	1,000.00	
		$ 4,750.00
		$ 5,530.00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LEE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Amount in treasury, July 1, 1921	$12.55	
Received from Louis Knox, tuition	4.50	
Received from Town Treasurer	3,993.67	
		$ 4,010.72

EXPENDITURES

Paid order of School Board	$ 3,992.04	
Balance on hand, July 1, 1922	18.68	
		$ 4,010.72

FRANK I. CALDWELL,

Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Treasurer and find them correct.

J. B. WALKER,

G. B. THOMPSON,

Auditors of Lee School District.

LIBRARY REPORT

Open Saturdays from two to four P. M.

Books added during year:

The Age of Innocence ..... Edith Wharton
The Mountain School Teacher ..... Melvin D. Post
The Breath of Scandal ..... Edwin Balmer
Carnac's Folly ..... Gilbert Parker
Foursquare ..... Grace Richmond
The Judgment of Claris ..... Mrs. Bailie Reynolds
Judith of the Godless Valley ..... Honore Willsee
Young Peoples Pride ..... Stephen B. Bennet
The Moon Out of Reach ..... Margaret Pedler
The House of Mohun ..... George Gibbs
The Second Flowering ..... Samuel Gordon
Wintergreen ..... Janet Laing
The Personal Conduct of Belinda .... Eleanor Hoyt Brainerd
Her Prairie Knight ..... B. M. Bower
The Thunder Bird ..... B. M. Bower
If Winter Comes ..... A. S. M. Hutchinson
This Freedom ..... A. S. M. Hutchinson
Further Adventures of Lad ..... A. P. Turhume
Flint ..... Carolyn Sherwin Barley
Two Shall Be Born ..... Marie Conway Oemler
Fair Harbor ..... Joseph Lincoln
Robin ..... Francis Hodgdon Burnett
Manslaughter ..... Alice Duer Miller
The Man from the Wilds ..... Harold Bindloss
The Everlasting Whisper ..... Jackson Gregory
McCarty Incog ..... Isabel Ostrander
Neighbors Henceforth ..... Owen Wister
Wise Men from the East and from the West .. A. M. Rehlamy

The Legacy of Greece ..... R. W. Livingston
Democracy's International Law ..... Jackson H. Ralston
The New Latin America ..... J. Warshau
Russia Today and Tomorrow ..... Paul N. Milinkov
History and Nature of International Relations ..... Walsh
Turkey, World Problem of Today ..... Talcott Williams
Red Dusk and the Morrow ..... Sir Paul Dukes
Mysterious Japan ..... Julian Street
Japan and the California Problem ..... T. Iyenaya, Ph. D.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED P. COMINGS,
Librarian.

ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

On hand January 31, 1922	$11.64	
Received from town	31.80	
		$43.44
Paid for books	$34.68	
On hand January 31, 1923	8.76	
		43.44

F. P. COMINGS,
Treasurer.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Lee, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1922.

Date.	Name of Child. Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother.
Feb. 15.	Ruth Esther; Egerton U. Bloom, Florence Hazel McDonald.
Apr. 12.	Mattie; Frank I. Wiggin, Lillian Norman.
Apr. 18.	————; Willys P. Tuttle, Mary E. Smith.
May 17.	Charles Sumner; Chester A. Atherton, Lena L. Otis.
Aug. 22.	Francis Morton; Francis Morton Lassell, Mary Helen Bessom.
Aug. 28.	John E.; Nigal D. Chapman, Marion F. Cook.
Sept. 21.	Walter H.; Wallace H. Stiles, Ella M. Payne.
Nov. 5.	Mary Frances; Benjamin Lang, Sadie Wiggin.
Dec. 26.	Dana; Albert B. Dudley, Hazel F. James.

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Lee, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1922.

Date. Where Married. Names of Parties and Names of Person Performing Ceremony.

May 10. Hampton, N. H., Charles G. Hobbs and Winnefred R. Taylor; Rev. George W. Clark, Hampton, N. H.

Nov. 10. Newmarket, N. H., George P. Kimball and Grace E. Hawke; Rev. Clinton W. Carvell, Newmarket, N. H.

Dec. 11. Lee, N. H., Walter R. Caswell and Carrie E. Lindeman; Fred P. Comings, J. P., Lee, N. H.

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Lee, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1922.

Date.	Name and Age.	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother.
Mar. 23.	Walter J. Thurston, 77 years.	
Apr. 13.	Mattie Wiggin, 1 day;	Frank I. Wiggin, Lillian Norman.
Apr. 14.	Robert A. Thompson, 87 years;	Robert Thompson, Keziah Thompson.
June 16.	Elizabeth M. Noble, 83 years;	Matthew Hodgdon, Susan Snell.
	BROUGHT FOR BURIAL	
Oct. 4.	Died at Lowell, Mass. Trueman W. Hill, 62 years;	John W. Hill, Mary Caldwell.
Dec. 13.	Died at Revere, Mass. Matilda A. Wiggin, 70 years.	

TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF LEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1923.

Date of Trust.	Purpose of Trust Fund.	How Invested.	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest Per Cent.	Bal. Income Beginning of Year	Income for Year	Expended during Year	Bal. Income on Hand End of Year
1910	Old Parish Cemetery Fund	Strafford Savings Bank	$400 00	4	$453 46	$18 12		$471 58
1914	Thomas W. Thompson Cemetery Fund	Strafford Savings Bank	100 00	4	132 35	5 28		137 63
1915	Thomas J. Davis Cemetery Fund	Strafford Savings Bank	150 00	4	191 06	7 64		198 70
1916	Irving G. Chesley Cemetery Fund	Strafford Savings Bank	300 00	4	372 81	14 88		387 69

J. B. Walker,
Walter D. Smith,
F. C. York,
Trustees.